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TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, $\left\{\frac{\textit{the 30th June}}{\textit{issued 4th July}}\right\}$ 1887.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the Annual Report on Emigration, under Act XXI of 1883, from Calcutta to British and Foreign Colonies, for the year ending the 31st December 1886.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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SECTION I.—ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

Proviso added to Rule 206 regulating the disposal of the estates of deceased emigrants.

In February 1886, under instructions from Government, the following proviso in connection with the disposal of property left by deceased emigrants was added to Rule 206 in the copy of the Draft Rules under Act XXI of 1883:—

"Provided that when the unsold property of the deceased and the deposit in the Bank to the credit of his estate exceed Rs. 300 in value, the district officer shall not be bound to deliver the property or pay the money to the person or persons reported to be the legal heir or heirs, except on the production of probate, letters-of-administration, certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of title."

Working of the new Rules.

2. As the new Rules, under the Indian Emigration Act XXI of 1883, came into force with the Act itself on the 1st of April 1886, experience of their working has been limited to only one emigration season or, as it happens in this instance, to a period of about nine months. Looking, however, to practical results, so far as they are known, the following general observations may be offered on the operation of the Rules for the period under review:—

In connection with *recruitment*, the procedure laid down in section 1, relating to the grant of recruiting licenses, appears to have worked well, and to have afforded the facilities it was intended to provide; and, in like manner, in the absence of any complaint, it is reasonable to conclude that the requirements of section 2 in connection with *sub-depôts*, and the system prescribed in section 3 regulating *registration*, worked smoothly. But as regards the provisions of section 4, that are based on section 35 of the Indian Emigration Act, and which require emigrants' agreements to be executed in *triplicate* for each labourer engaged, strong objection has been taken, as already reported to Government, to the needless additional labour and consequent increased delay and expense involved in the present system of placing labourers on contract. Formerly, under Act VII of 1871, only one registration form properly filled up and signed by the registering officer, was furnished by him to each labourer engaged, while the particulars of registration of a batch of emigrants, registered at the same time and under the same conditions of service, were entered in two statements, each of which was signed at foot by the registering officer. One of these was forwarded to the Emigration Agent concerned, and the other to the Protector of Emigrants. The system worked satisfactorily, and was found to be fully sufficient for all practical purposes. Under the existing procedure, however, the placing on contract of, say, 50 emigrants necessitates—exclusive of the work of registration itself—the preparation, verification, and signing, in the presence of and by the registering officer himself, of not less than 150 separate agreement papers, where 50 sufficed formerly. Complaints have consequently arisen against this multiplication of documents, and the attendant difficulty, delay and expense unknown under the old system; to which, therefore, a reversion is very much desired. As regards the rules in chapter III relating to *depôts*, it may be said that nothing has occurred to indicate that they are not adapted to requirements; and, similarly, the rules relating to *transport* arrangements and the *voyage*, in chapters IV and V, appear to have satisfactorily regulated the work under those heads; for, except in a few comparatively minor matters—such as the objections taken to doors in lieu of screens for emigrant ships' water-closets, and to fore and aft ladders for their main hatches—the arrangements provided seem generally to have

met requirements. The only other rules, those in chapter VI, regulating the arrangements for the reception and disposal of *returned emigrants*, have been carried out with facility, through the obliging co-operation of the Emigration Agents.

Proposal to pay remittances from coolies in British colonies to their friends in India through the Comptroller-General's Department, approved by Government.

3. The proposal, noticed in the 5th paragraph (section 1) of last year's annual report on emigration from Calcutta, to the effect that remittances made by Indian immigrants in British Colonies to their friends in India should be paid through the Comptroller-General's Department, was approved by Government in April 1886; and in compliance with instructions on the subject, the Immigration Agents-General of all the British Colonies, excepting those of Trinidad and Fiji, where the system had already been adopted, were asked, through the Emigration Agents here, to arrange with their respective Governments that such remittances be made through the Comptroller-General, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Civil Account Code.

Remuneration sanctioned to clerks employed in connection with the registration of emigrants.

4. In September of the year under review, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor sanctioned, as an experimental measure, the payment of remuneration to all magisterial clerks employed in Bengal in connection with the registration of emigrants, at the rates of one anna for each labourer and half an anna for each dependent registered, as in the case of inland emigration, and under the same condition "that the total number registered shall exceed 50 a month; provided that the total amount of remuneration to be given to any clerk in any one month shall not exceed Rs. 15." It was ruled, moreover, that the charges are to be debited to the Colonial Emigration Fund.

Claims for expenses incurred by the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, in connection with the registration of emigrants, can be settled by means of inter-provincial adjustment.

5. In view of the decision that the sum of Rs. 2-8, fixed by Government in April 1886 as the amount of fee leviable under sections 38 and 73 of Act XXI of 1883, on account of each emigrant embarked, should be levied at the port of embarkation as a consolidated fee wholly in connection with embarkation under section 73 of the Act, it became necessary to arrange for the payment of actual expenses incurred in connection with the registration of emigrants in the districts of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. It was accordingly suggested by the Accountant-General, Bengal, and approved for adoption by Government, that claims of this nature from the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh be settled by the Accountant-General, Bengal, with the Accountant-General, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, by means of inter-provincial adjustment.

6. The following points may also be noticed briefly as having come under consideration during the course of the year :—

A Bill to amend the Immigration Ordinance, 1873, of British Guiana.

(*a*). A draft ordinance from British Guiana, entitled "A Bill to amend the Immigration Ordinance, 1873," together with correspondence relating to it, was received in March last; and remarks suggested by a perusal of the Bill were submitted for the consideration of Government.

Jamaica reports and returns relating to Indian immigration are in future to be prepared for the calendar year.

(*b*). With reference to the proposal, referred to in last year's annual report, that all British Colonies employing Indian labourers should adopt the calendar year for the preparation of their reports and returns on Indian immigration, it appears from correspondence that came to hand in July last that Jamaica will carry out the suggestion, and that Trinidad has also been requested to do so.

The Government of Jamaica suspends immigration to the Colony from India and China.

(*c*). Late in September information was received regarding the decision of the Government of Jamaica to suspend immigration from India and China to that Colony, and to close the Immigration Agency here; but as the arrangements necessary for the reception of emigrants returned from the Colony to this country had to be considered, a report on the subject was called for, and was submitted in October last for the information of Government.

SECTION II.—EMIGRATION AGENCIES.

Agencies in operation during the year.

1. Four agencies, as shown in the subjoined statement, were engaged during the year under review in the supply of labour for three British and one foreign colony:—

Colonies importing Indian labour.		Names of Emigration Agents.	Dates of approval of appointment by Government of Bengal.	Situation of cooly depôts.
Names.	Whether British or Foreign.			
Demerara	British	Mr. R. W. S. Mitchell	14th April 1884 ...	No. 8, Garden Reach.
Trinidad	Ditto	,, O. W. Warner	30th December 1881 ...	,, 11, ditto.
Fiji	Ditto	,, A. C. Stewart	21st August 1884 ...	,, 12, ditto.
Surinam	Dutch	,, E. C. Van Cutsem	27th April 1876 ...	,, 20, ditto.

To each of the agents above named, I desire to express my obligation for all the assistance obligingly afforded me by them in the discharge of my duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased, on the dates specified, to approve of the following arrangements in connection with the agencies for the French Colonies, Trinidad, and Mauritius:—

(*a*) On the 9th of May 1886 the appointment of Monsieur Pierre Charriol to act as Emigration Agent at Calcutta for the French Colonies during the absence on leave of Monsieur Emile Charriol.

(*b*) On the 14th of May 1886 the resumption by Mr. O. W. Warner of the duties of Emigration Agent at Calcutta for Trinidad.

(*c*) On the 13th of July 1886 the appointment of Mr. O. W. Warner, the Emigration Agent for Trinidad, to act as Emigration Agent for Mauritius, during the absence on leave of Mr. F. De La Mare.

2. *Labour requisition from the Colonies.*

Colonies importing Indian labourers.	For the season 1885-86.	During the year 1885. Number of adult labourers.			For the season 1886-87.	During the year 1886. Number of adult labourers.			Remarks.
	Under requisition.	Despatched.	In excess of requisition.	Short of requisition.	Under requisition.	Despatched.	In excess of requisition.	Short of requisition.	
Demerara	3,500	3,352	.....	148	3,710	2,670½	.....	1,039½	This balance of 1,039½ adults, not forwarded before the close of the year, remained over for despatch in January 1887. The number despatched to Fiji in 1886 merely made up the deficiency of 1885.
Trinidad	1,500	1,479	.....	21	2,050	2,046½	.....	3½	
Fiji	1,430	500	.....	980	930	929½	.....	½	
Surinam	.....	.....	.....	.....	320	329	9	.....	
Tota ...	6,430	5,331	.....	1,099	7,010	5,975½	9	1,043½	

A comparison of the total labour requisition of the several colonies for season 1885-86, with that of the following season, shows that the demands that had to be met for the most part during the year under report, though far from large, exceeded by 580 adults those of the previous season. This result is seen to be due to the larger numbers required for Demerara and Trinidad, and to the re-opening of recruitment for Surinam, to which colony there had been no emigration from this port since October 1884. It may be noticed that the labourers required for the several colonies were forwarded within the year 1886, excepting a balance of 1,039½ adults for Demerara, that remained over for shipment in January 1887.

3. The terms offered by the four Agencies to intending emigrants, and shown in the following statement, differed but slightly from those of the previous year :—

Colony.	Work.		Period of indenture.	Classification of emigrants.	Wages minimum rate claimable.	Rations.		Dwelling houses.	Medical care and maintenance during sickness.	Free return passage when claimable.
	Nature.	Duration.				Prescribed.	Period of supply.			
Demerara ..	Cultivation of the soil or the manufacture of the produce on any plantation.	Every day, excepting Sundays and authorised holidays. Seven hours in the field, or 10 hours in the factory buildings.	Five years from date of allotment.	Able-bodied males of and above 16 years, and adult females. Males, not able-bodied, or minor males and females of and above 10 years and under 16 years.	1s. daily ... ... 8d. „ Payable weekly.	Rations supplied by the employers according to the scale sanctioned by the Government of British Guiana at a cost of 4d. for each adult above 16 years of age; half rations to minors of 10 and under 16 at half cost, and to each infant under 10 years one-third free of cost.	Three calendar months following the date of allotment.	Free of rent and to be kept in good repair by the employer at his own cost.	Free of charge ...	On completing a continuous residence of 10 years.
Trinidad	Ditto	Five days in each week, except during the gathering in of the crop, when the immigrants will be required to work six days. Sundays and authorised holidays excepted. Nine hours, inclusive of half an hour for rest and refreshment.	Ditto ..	Adult males and females over 10 years.	1s. ½d. daily ... ... Payable fortnightly.	Rations will be provided to all emigrants, and the cost of such rations (four pence) being deducted from the immigrants' wages. Children between the ages of 5 and 10 will be provided with half rations, free of charge.	First year under indenture.	Ditto ...	Ditto	Ditto five years having been passed under indenture.
Fiji	Ditto .	Six days in the week, all authorised holidays excepted. Nine hours except Saturday, when work shall be five hours' duration only.	Ditto .	Adult males above the age of 15 years. Adult females above the age of 15 years. Minors under 15 years of age.	1s. daily ... ... 9d. „ .. .. In proportion to work done. Payable fortnightly.	Rations will be provided to all emigrants according to the undermentioned scale. To each person from 10 years and upwards at a cost of 5d. a day :— Rice ... ... 1½ lbs. Dál ... ... 4 oz. Cocoanut-oil or ghee 1 „ Curry staff ... ... ½ „ Sugar ... ... 2 „ Salt ... ... 1 „ } Daily. To each child from 5 to 10, half the above rations of rice, sugar and salt free of charge.	Ditto ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto	Ditto.
Surinam .	Ditto ..	Every day, excepting Sundays and authorised holidays in each week. Seven hours in the fields, or 10 hours in the buildings on each day.	Ditto of 313 days.	(First class emigrants). Able-bodied males of and above 16 years of age. (Second class emigrants). Adult (not able-bodied) males; minor males under the age of 16 years and of and above 10 years, and adult and minor females. (Third class emigrants). Infant males and females under 10 years of age.	25 cents. daily ... ... 16 „ „ No fixed rates as work is optional, but should work be undertaken, the rates will be proportional to work done. Payable weekly.	Sr. C. K. Rice ... ... 0 12 0 Dál ... ... 0 2 0 Cocoanut-oil or ghee... ... 0 0 2 Curry mussala ... ... 0 0 1½ Sugar ... ... 0 1 0 Salt ... ... 0 0 1 Vegetable ... ... 0 2 0 Fuel ... ... 1 8 0 Daily at a cost of 2 annas and 8 pie. Minors of both sexes, half the above scale at half the cost. Infants of both sexes, one-third of the above scale, free of charge.	Three calendar months following the date of allotment.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	On completion of the term of five years' indenture.

4. *Recruiting licenses.*

Emigration agencies.	1885. Licenses. Granted.	Cancelled for misconduct. Number.	Cancelled for misconduct. Percentage.	Withdrawn at agent's request. Number.	Withdrawn at agent's request. Percentage.	Withdrawn at recruiter's request. Number.	Withdrawn at recruiter's request. Percentage.	Total number cancelled or withdrawn.	Percentage of total number cancelled or withdrawn.	Total number of emigrants recruited.	Average number collected by each recruiter.	1886. Licenses. Granted.	Cancelled for misconduct. Number.	Cancelled for misconduct. Percentage.	Withdrawn at agent's request. Number.	Withdrawn at agent's request. Percentage.	Withdrawn at recruiter's request. Number.	Withdrawn at recruiter's request. Percentage.	Total number cancelled or withdrawn.	Percentage of total number cancelled or withdrawn.	Total number of emigrants recruited.	Average number collected by each recruiter.
Demerara ...	167	2	1·19	...	...	...	...	2	1·19	6,819	40½	240	1	0·41	...	...	...	...	1	0·41	3,814	15¾
Trinidad ...	99	3	3·03	1	1·01	...	...	4	4·04	2,319	23¼	180	2	1·11	...	...	...	...	2	1·11	2,771	15¼
Fiji ...	83	1	1·20	...	...	...	...	1	1·20	2,225	26¾	14	1	7·14	...	...	...	...	1	7·14	1,237	88
Natal ..	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500	6½	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Guadeloupe	19*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	463	24¼	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Surinam ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	32	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	480	15
Total ...	445	6	1·39	1	0·02	...	...	7	1·63	12,326	27¾	466	4	0·85	...	...	...	...	4	0·85	8,302	18

* In this case 16 of the recruiters who recruited for Guadeloupe in 1885 worked with unexpired licenses granted in 1884.

No fee being chargeable, under Acts XXI of 1883, for the grant of recruiting licenses, they have been more freely applied for since that Act came into force, with the result that the average number of coolies recruited by each recruiter fell from nearly 28 in 1885 to 18 in 1886. It is satisfactory to notice that the percentage of licenses cancelled for misconduct during 1886 was smaller than that of the previous year. The irregularities necessiating cancellation in the four cases entered above were—

(*a.*) Obtaining a license, though debarred from the work of recruitment, by alteration of name with a view to deceive.

(*b.*) Allowing coolies recruited for Assam to be kept in sub-depôt, and failing to present license for countersignature before district officer.

(*c.*) Recruiting irregularly in connection with a debarred recruiter.

(*d.*) Recruiting a minor girl, tutoring a woman to make false declarations, wrongfully confining a man, and committing other irregularities. The Magistrate of Patna, where the misconduct was committed, sent this case up for trial under section 342 of the Penal Code, but it was dismissed owing to insufficient evidence.

5. *Districts of Registration of Emigrants.*

Colonies importing Indian labour.	Number registered in districts of Bengal and Behar.														
Names.	Whether British or Foreign.	Burdwan.	Bhagulpore.	Durbhunga.	Gya.	Hazaribagh.	Monghyr.	Patna.	Sarun.	Shahabad.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	24-Pergunnahs.	Total.	Percentage.
Demarara	British	88	...	...	57	46	12	540	41	582	18	574	1,958	51·33
Trinidad	Do.	...	33	145	15	11	17	234	44	279	...	629	1,407	50·77
Fiji	Do.	...	22	62	...	...	...	216	4	95	...	147	549	44·38
Surinam	Foreign	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	...	38	117	24·37
Total ...	.....	88	55	207	72	57	29	990	89	1,038	18	1,388	4,031	48·55

Colonies importing Indian labour.	Number registered in districts of North-Western Provinces.																			
Names.	Whether British or Foreign.	Allahabad.	Agra.	Azamgarh.	Benares.	Basti.	Bareilly.	Cawnpore.	Etawah.	Futeypur.	Ghazipur.	Gorakhpur.	Jounpur.	Jalaun.	Mainpuri.	Meerut.	Mirzapore.	Mutra.	Shajehanpur.	Total.	Percentage.
Demerara	British	421	93	39	360	38	5	43	11	3	211	117	2	4	8	43	24	3	4	1,435	37·62
Trinidad	Do.	9	176	..	382	108	..	126	...	...	46	12	65	...	..	...	..	75	4	953	34·39
Fiji	Do.	147	26	24	112	22		74	...	..	42	14	26	...	...	.	...	36	...	525	42·27
Surinam	Foreign	148	..	5	121	...	.	59	...	15	..	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	363	75·62
Total	.....	725	295	68	931	168	5	302	11	18	299	158	93	4	8	43	24	114	8	3,274	39·43

Colonies importing Indian labour.		Number registered in districts of Oudh.									Total number of each colony of all districts.
Names.	Whether British or Foreign.	Fyzabad.	Gonda.	Lucknow.	Sitapur.	Sultanpur.	Unao.	Total.	Percentage.		
Demerara	British	320	8	67	4	7	15	421	11·03		3,814
Trinidad	Do.	132	28	243	8	...	...	411	14·83		2,771
Fiji	Do.	86	69	8	...	2	...	165	13·36		1,237
Surinam	Foreign	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....		480
Total ...	.....	538	105	318	12	9	15	997	12·00		8,302

The above statement shows that the work of registration in 1886 was limited to Bengal aud Behar and to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh; and the following abstract gives the aggregate results of registration for the last two years:—

Places of registration.	Year. 1885.	Year. 1886.
1 Bengal and Behar	6,255	4,002
Add re-registration in the 24-Pergunnahs ...	2	29
2 North-Western Provinces and	4,716	3,274
Oudh	1,206	997
3 Punjab	147	Nil.
Total ...	12,326	8,302

Of the total number (12,326) registered in 1885, there were 500 registrations for Natal and 463 for Guadeloupe; from which colonies, as above stated, there were no requisitions for labour in 1886; and of the 29 re-registrations in 1886, one was due to the transfer of an emigrant from the Demarara to the Trinidad depôt, and the rest to the transfer of 28 emigrants from the Surinam to the Demerara depôt.

The largest number of registrations were effected during 1885 in Bengal and Behar, but during 1886 in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh; though it appears from the subjoined figures that in both years registration was most active in the 24-Pergunnahs, Shahabad and Patna, and in Benares, Allahabad, Fyzabad, Lucknow and Cawnpore:—

Bengal and Behar registration districts.		North-Western Provinces and Oudh registration districts.			
1. 24-Pergunnahs (exclusive of 29 re-registrations)	1,359	1. Benares	... 931	13. Azamgarh	... 68
2. Shahabad	1,038	2. Allahabad	... 725	14. Meerut	... 43
3. Patna	... 990	3 Fyzabad	... 538	15. Mirzapore	... 24
4. Durbhunga	... 207	4. Lucknow	... 318	16. Futehpore	... 18
5. Sarun	... 89	5. Cawnpore	... 302	17. Unao	... 15
6. Burdwan	... 88	6. Ghazipore	... 299	18. Sitapur	... 12
7. Gya	... 72	7. Agra	... 295	19. Etawah	... 11
8. Hazaribagh	... 57	8. Basti	... 168	20. Sultanpore	... 9
9. Bhagulpore	... 55	9. Goruckpore	... 158	21. Mainpuri	... 8
10. Monghyr	... 29	10. Muttra	... 114	22. Shajehanpore	... 8
11. Sonthal Pergunnahs	... 18	11. Gonda	... 105	23. Bareilly	... 5
		12. Jounpur	... 93	24. Jaloun	... 4
Total	... 4,002			Total	... 4,271

As in previous years, a large majority of those registered in the 24-Pergunnahs were natives of other districts, who, in reply to my enquiries, stated that they had at various periods come to Calcutta of their own accord in search

of employment. Though they denied it, individuals were probably included amongst them who had originally been induced to leave their homes under the free emigration system for service in the labour districts. Several were found to be old return emigrants, accompanied by their families, who had come to Calcutta voluntarily, or had never left it since their arrival, for the express purpose of re-emigrating as soon as the emigration season re-opened. The increased number of coolies returned from the several colonies in the year 1885, and the comparatively small labour requisitions of the colonies for the season under review tended, doubtless, to raise the proportion of return emigrants amongst those registered for the colonies in 1886.

Native districts.

6. On looking to statement No. 1 of the appendix to this report, in which the native districts of the emigrants registered in 1886 are given, and comparing the results with those of 1885, as shown in the following abstract, it appears that the more extended recruitment of 1886 in the districts of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh resulted, as might have been anticipated, in the registration of a larger proportion of the natives of those districts:—

Natives of—	Registered during the years. 1885.	1886.
Bengal and Behar	5,630	2,888
North-Western Provinces	4,499	3,503
Oudh	1,690	1,579
Punjab	102	68
Central Provinces	74	10
Madras	81	25
Bombay	64	11
Native States	142	198
Unknown	44	20
Total ...	12,326	8,302

As regards the native districts whence the largest numbers of emigrants were drawn, it may be observed that Shahabad, Patna and Gya, and Ghazipur, Basti and Azamgarh continued, as in the previous year, to supply the majority of the labourers recruited for the colonies:—

Natives of Bengal and Behar.		Natives of North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	
Native districts.	Number.	Native districts.	Number.
Shahabad	1,060	Ghazipore	504
Patna	478	Basti	463
Gya	332	Azamgarh	435
Sarun	283	Allahabad	328
Mozufferpore	178	Benares	316
Durbhunga	108	Fyzabad	289
Monghyr	103	Gonda	252
Hazaribagh	74	Sultanpore	222

The interaction of colonial and inland emigration, and causes favourable to increased emigration from the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

7. If the two emigration seasons of 1884 and 1885 be excluded, it may be said that for years past natives of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh have responded in the largest numbers to the labour requisitions of the colonies: for, excepting the natives of Behar, those of the Lower Provinces generally, unless pressed by privation, have always proved more or less reluctant to emigrate to the colonies, notwithstanding the favourable terms offered by their recruiters. It may be noticed,

accordingly, that colonial emigration from the districts of the Lower Provinces, which rose into prominence during the scarcity that prevailed in them in 1884 and 1885, subsided during the comparative abundance that followed in 1886, when colonial recruiters had therefore to revert for the majority of their recruits to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. But in so doing they obviated the competition, however slight, that may have arisen between themselves and licensed recruiters for the tea districts. Taking as an illustration localities where both sets of recruiters were busiest, the following results appear:—

Districts of Recruitment.	Total number of registrations effected in 1886.	
	Through recruiters for the colonies.	Through contractors, recruiters, and certificated sardars for the tea districts.
24-Pergunnahs	1,388 (Chiefly Beharis.)	1,590 (Chiefly Bengalis.)
Shahabad	1,038	426
Patna	990	*Nil.*
Durbhunga	207	19

In 1886, as in 1885, the colonial recruiters in Bengal and Behar were most active during the months—June to October—when licensed inland recruiters and sardars were least so; and the work of the one set was drawing to a close, when that of the other was extending. Looking, therefore, to the different class of coolies recruited by each set and to the circumstances of time and place, as noticed in last year's annual report, it would appear that any rivalry between the two classes of recruiters was probably even less than in 1885, when it is considered that the number of natives from the Upper Provinces predominated amongst those engaged for the colonies in 1886.

8 *History of Emigrants between registration and arrival at Depôts.*

Emigration Agencies.	Number of emigrants registered.	Deduction of emigrants.																						Infants born subsequent to registration of emigrants.	Total number of emigrants admitted into depôt.
		Number of casualties.								Number discharged by agency.												Grand Total.			
		Died.		Deserted.		Detained in the mofussil depôts.		Total.		Rejected as unfit.		Unwilling.		Claimed by relatives.		On account of relationship to rejected, claimed or unwilling emigrants.		Unrequired surplus of recruitment.		Total.					
		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
Demerara ...	3,814	...	...	7	0·18	11	0·28	18	0·47	6	0·15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0·15	24	0·62	...	3,790
Trinidad ...	2,771	..	..	85	3·06	23	0·83	108	3·89	7	0·25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	0·25	115	4·15	...	2,656
Fiji ...	1,237	...	...	4	0·32	...	...	4	0·32	36	2·91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	2·91	40	3·23	...	1,197
Surinam ...	480	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	481
Total ...	8,302	...	...	96	1·15	34	0·40	130	1·56	49	0·59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	0·59	179	2·15	1	8,124

Excepting a slight increase in the percentage of rejections, it appears from the following figures that at this stage the results of the year 1886 bear favourable comparison with those of 1885:—

Percentage of—	1885.	1886.
Deaths	0·02	.....
Desertions	1·60	1·15
Rejections	0·19	0·59
Unwillingness	0·13	.....
Claims by relatives	0·14	.....

9.

The Depôts.

(a) *History of Emigrants between arrival at depôt and final disposal.*

Emigration Agencies.	Number of emigrants admitted into depôt.	Transferred from other depôts.	Number remaining from previous year.	Number of infants born in depôt.	Total number accommodated in depôt during the year.	Deductions of emigrants. Number of casualties. Died. Number.	Died. Percentage.	Deserted. Number.	Deserted. Percentage.	Total. Number.	Total. Percentage.	Number discharged by agency. Rejected as unfit. Number.	Rejected as unfit. Percentage.	Unwilling. Number.	Unwilling. Percentage.	Claimed by relatives. Number.	Claimed by relatives. Percentage.	On account of relationship to "rejected, claimed or unwilling emigrants." Number.	On account of relationship. Percentage.	Transferred to other agencies as volunteers. Number.	Transferred. Percentage.	Released from engagement and returned to places of registration. Number.	Released. Percentage.	Surplus of season's requirements. Number.	Surplus. Percentage.	Total. Number.	Total. Percentage.	Grand Total. Number.	Grand Total. Percentage.	Emigrants despatched to colonies. Number.	Emigrants despatched. Percentage.	Number of emigrants remaining in depôts at the close of the year.
Demerara ...	3,790	28	5	4	3,827	11	0·28	80	2·09	91	2·37	236	6·16	27	0·70	18	0·47	20	0·52	1	0·02	8	0·20	...	...	310	8·10	401	10·47	2,857	74·65	569
Trinidad ...	2,656	1	...	7	2,664	3	0·11	64	2·40	67	2·51	316	11·86	12	0·45	15	0·56	36	1·35	...	.....	7	0·26	7	0·26	393	14·75	460	17·26	2,201	82·62	3
Fiji ...	1,197	...	...	1	1,198	3	0·25	18	1·50	21	1·75	94	7·84	7	0·58	16	1·33	27	2·25	...	.....	1	0·08	20	1·66	165	13·77	186	15·52	1,012	84·47	...
Surinam ..	481	...	...	1	482	5	1·03	25	5·18	30	6·22	47	9·75	3	0·62	4	0·83	12	2·48	28	5·80	5	1·03	...	...	99	20·53	129	26·76	353	73·23	...
Total ...	8,124	29	5	13	8,171	22	0·26	187	2·28	209	2·55	693	8·48	49	0·59	53	0·64	95	1·16	29	0·35	21	0·25	27	0·33	967	11·83	1,176	14·39	6,423	78·60	572

(b) Sickness and mortality among emigrants in Depôt.

Diseases in Depôt.	Demerara.				Trinidad.				Fiji.				Surinam.				Total.			
	Sickness.		Deaths.		Sickness.		Death.		Sickness.		Death.		Sickness.		Death.		Sickness.		Death.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Diarrhœa	7	0·18	3	0·07	10	0·37	..		3	0·25	..	...	8	1·66	...	...	28	0·34	3	0·03
Dysentery	18	0·47	2	0·05	51	1·91	1	0·03	4	0·33	1	0·08	16	3·31	1	0·20	89	1·08	5	0·06
Cholera	2	0·05	1	0·02	2	0·07	...	...	..	...	...	..	1	0·20	...	...	5	0·06	1	0·01
Fever	59	1·54	2	0·05	81	3·04	...	...	22	1·83	2	0·16	32	6·63	...	...	194	2·37	4	0·04
Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0·16	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0·02	...	
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Measles	...	.	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	6·01	2	0·41	29	0·35	2	0·02
Chest affections	7	0·18	..	...	6	0·22	1	0·03	1	0·08	...	...	4	0·82	2	0·41	18	0·22	3	0·03
Other diseases...	23	0·60	3	0·07	35	1·41	1	0·03	32	2·68	...	...	20	4·15	...	...	110	1·34	4	0·04
Total ...	116	3·03	11	0·28	185	6·94	3	0·11	64	5·33	3	0·25	110	23·82	5	1·03	475	5·81	22	0·26

At this stage also of the year's operations the results attained compare favourably with those of the previous year; for excepting a slight increase of sickness, which, as evidenced by the lower death-rate, was not so fatal as in 1885, the figures under each of the following heads show that the proportion of casualties under each was smaller than in 1885:—

Causes.	Percentage of— 1885.	1886.
Sickness	5·06	5·81
Deaths	0·96	0·26
Desertions	5·30	2·28
Rejections	14·03	8·48
Unwillingness	1·95	0·59
Claimed by relatives	0·61	0·64
On account of relatives	3·47	1·16
Transfers of volunteers	0·12	0·35
Surplus at close of season compensated and returned home by agencies	0·26	0·33

In his report on the depôts for the year under review, the Medical Inspector makes the following observations:—"The chief cause of sickness was, as usual, malarial fever, namely, 40·9 per cent. of the total admissions into hospital; but it is remarkable that not a single case of cerebro-spinal fever occurred in any of the depôts; the contrast in this respect with the preceding year being noteworthy, although it is difficult to suppose that the general hysienic condition of the depôts was very different from that which obtained in 1885. There is no doubt that the etiology of this disease has not yet been determined. Bowel-complaints (dysentery and diarrhœa) constituted 24·6 per cent. of the admissions into hospital and 36·3 per cent. of the total mortality. Only five cases of cholera occurred during the year, with one death This must be regarded as very satisfactory inasmuch as cholera prevailed very largely in Calcutta and the suburbs during the last quarter of the year, and gave rise to a heavier mortality than has been recorded for the last 20 years. This remarkable immunity of the depôts from cholera during a season when it raged more or less epidemically in the suburbs is itself a sufficient proof of the excellent sanitary arrangements which were maintained in them throughout the year.

Two cases of chicken-pox occurred in the Fiji depôt. They were recognised early, isolated, and the affected coolies transferred to the Campbell Hospital. The disease was thus absolutely controlled, and no extension to or dissemination among the other inmates of the depôt took place. The only epidemic disease that prevailed during the year was measles. This was practically confined to the Surinam depôt. The first case occurred on the 4th of September, soon after the depôt began working, and between that date and the 9th of October, 29 emigrants were attacked, the great majority being infants and young children. The disease was clearly imported; but it spread with great rapidity, and for a time caused much anxiety. Prompt measures

were, however, taken to isolate the cases, and remove them as soon as discovered, to the Campbell Hospital for treatment. Moreover, on return from this hospital the children and their parents were not allowed to re-enter the depôt but underwent a kind of quarantine in coolie sheds outside the depôt specially leased for the purpose, and were kept there for from a fortnight to three weeks. These and other preventive measures at last proved successful. The mortality was very small, only 2 out of 29 cases, and both these were sickly young infants.

Sanitary state of the depôts.

The general sanitary arrangements in all the depôts were excellent, and the health and welfare of the inmates most carefully attended to by the Colonial Agents, the Surgeon-Superintendents (Drs. Birch, Sanders and Mackenzie), and the native doctors in immediate charge of the depôt hospitals. Since July last regular monthly inspections (in accordance with the recent Government regulations) have been conducted by the Medical Inspector of Emigrants. There has never been any overcrowding in the depôts, and the sleeping sheds and platforms have been kept clean and in good condition.

Food.

The food has been frequently inspected; has been sufficient in quantity; and above the average in quality. The native doctor in each depôt is always present at the morning and evening meals, and superintends their preparation and distribution.

Water-supply.

The water for drinking and culinary purposes in three out of the four depôts is brought from Calcutta in carts (hydrant water), and stored in iron tanks in the depôts. The latter are provided with Macnamara filters, so that the water undergoes refiltration before use. In the fourth (Demerara) depôt it is taken from a tank in the premises which is specially preserved and carefully protected. It is also passed through filters before distribution, and is of excellent quality.

Bathing arrangements.

As regards bathing, all the depôts have *ghâts* on the river bank, and the coolies bathe there. Once a week soap and oil are distributed among them for ablution purposes.

Clothing.

The clothing has been good, suitable to the season of the year, and in accordance with requirements.

Latrines.

The latrines and urinals have had special attention paid to them. The night-soil is removed twice daily in closed iron receptacles by the Suburban Municipal contractors.

Depôt hospital.

The depôt hospitals and segregation sheds are admirably adapted for the proper shelter and treatment of sick coolies. The supply of medicines has never been restricted, and the drugs employed have been of good quality.

Vaccination.

Vaccination operations have been carefully attended to."

(*c*) *Comparative statement of mortality among emigrants classified according to sex and age.*

Emigration depôts.	Number of emigrants accommodated.							Number of deaths.							Percentage of deaths.						
	Adults.		Children.		Infants.			In each class.							Adults.		Children.		Infants.		Total
								Adults.		Children.		Infants.									
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Demerara ..	2,358	800	239	185	64	87	3,827	3	3	2	1	1	1	11	0·12	0·33	0·83	0·83	1·47	1·14	0·28
Trinidad ...	1,611	638	172	151	41	51	2,664	1	1	...	1	...	...	3	0·06	0·15	...	...	...	...	0·11
Fiji ...	762	300	45	38	30	23	1,198	1	1	...	...	1	...	3	0·13	0·33	...	..	3·33	...	0·25
Surinam ...	274	122	28	30	11	17	482	2	1	1	1	...	...	5	0·73	0·81	3·57	3·33	...	...	1·03
Total ..	5,005	1,950	484	399	150	183	8,171	7	6	3	3	2	1	22	0·15	0·30	0·61	0·75	1·33	0·54	0·26

As the result of comparative immunity from serious sickness, the total death-rate of each class was satisfactorily small; and, excepting that of male infants, was less than one per. cent.

Return showing cause of lengthy detention of emigrants in depôt during the year 1886.

Colonies.	Number detained. Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.	Number despatched to colony.	Number released. Under section 50 (1)a.	Under section 50 (1)b.	Under section 50 (1)c.	Under section 65.	Cause of detention.	Remarks.
Demerara	435	41	16	2,857	Nil.	...	236	27	For treatment of sickly children.	Emigrants rejected by the several Agencies, or released from their engagements for irregular recruitment, were provided with the means of returning to the place of registration, and were also compensated in most instances by the Agents concerned.
Trinidad	605	75	20	2,201	...	2	314	12	For child-birth and sickness.	
Fiji	176	1	...	1,012	...	4	90	7	For sickness and awaiting result of enquiry through Magistrate.	The Fiji Agency closed before the 1st of April 1886, and therefore worked only under Act VII of 1871.
Surinam	99	101	77	353	...	...	47	3	For outbreak of measles from 4th September to 9th October 1886.	

1. SECTION III.—EMBARKATION.

Native Provinces of those embarked.	Number of emigrants embarked for the colonies. Demerara.	Trinidad.	Fiji.	Surinam.	Total.
Bengal and Behar	1,106	781	300	55	2,242
North-Western Provinces	1,216	890	374	173	2,653
Oudh	453	439	265	111	1,258
Central Provinces	8	9	6	1	24
Punjab	24	20	5	3	52
Nepaul and other Native States	32	41	53	5	131
Miscellaneous ... Madras ... ... / Bombay	18	31	9	5	63
Total ...	2,857	2,201	1,012	353	6,423

The aggregate number of emigrants (6,423) embarked for the several colonies during the year fell short, by 2,136, of the number embarked during the previous year. No steamers, but 12 sailing vessels were chartered for their conveyance.

2. *Return emigrants who emigrated.*

Colonies.	Number of emigrants despatched to the colonies. Fresh emigrants. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Return emigrants. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Total percentage of return to fresh emigrants. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Colonies from which re-emigrating emigrants had returned to India. Demerara. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Trinidad. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Jamaica. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Demerara ...	1,546	567	286	2,401	212	157	87	456	13·69	27·69	30·41	18·99	122	89	55	266	15	12	...	27	12	9	6	27
Trinidad ...	1,183	442	256	1,881	166	101	53	320	14·03	22·85	20·70	17·01	14	9	8	31	54	28	3	85	14	8	3	25
Fiji	586	218	74	878	52	40	42	134	8·87	18·34	56·75	10·40	12	15	12	39	1	3	5	9	4	4	2	10
Surinam	198	73	33	304	19	15	15	49	9·59	20·54	45·45	16·11	3	2	1	6	2	2	1	5	...	...	...	
Total ...	3,515	1,300	649	5,464	449	313	197	959	12·77	24·07	30·35	17·55	151	115	76	342	72	45	9	126	30	21	11	62

Colonies.	Colonies from which re-emigrating emigrants had returned to India—*concluded.* St. Vincent. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Mauritius. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Natal. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Surinam. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Guadeloupe. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Reunion. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Cayenne. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Total of return emigrants. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Demerara	13	12	12	37	14	6	4	24	16	14	5	35	6	2	2	10	14	13	3	30	..	...	..	...		..	...	...	212	157	87	456
Trinidad	24	16	13	53	14	6	7	27	20	16	8	44	14	13	7	34	11	5	4	20	1	...	...	1	.	..	..	...	166	101	53	320
Fiji	14	7	15	36	6	2	1	9	1	...	...	1	2	2	2	6	10	6	3	19	1	..	.	1	1	1	2	4	52	40	42	134
Surinam	2	1	...	3	3	2	2	7	.	...	..	...	7	6	5	18	2	2	6	10	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	19	15	15	49
Total ...	53	36	40	129	37	16	14	67	37	30	13	80	29	23	16	68	37	26	16	79	2	...	...	2	1	1	2	4	449	313	197	959

As previously noticed, the proportion of return emigrants who re-emigrated in 1886 exceeded that of the year 1885, and amounted, as shown above, to 17·55 per cent. of the total number despatched. The majority of them had returned from Demerara, Trinidad, St. Vincent, Natal, Guadeloupe and Surinam. It may be observed that the Demerara Agency forwarded nearly 19 per cent., the Trinidad Agency 17 per cent., and the Fiji and Surinam Agencies upwards of 16 per cent.

3. Proportion of women despatched to the colonies :—

	Shipment of emigrants.				Prescribed proportion of women to men.		Women accompanying husbands.		Remarks.
	Number of men.	Number of women. Towards proportion of year under report.	Number of women. Towards deficiency of previous year.	Number of women. Total.	Deficiency of year under report.	Excess of year.	Number.	Percentage to unmarried women.	
Demerara	1,760	724	.....	724	.....	20	483	33·28	
Trinidad	1,349	543	.....	543	.....	3	345	33·46	
Fiji	638	258	.....	258	.....	2	163	36·82	
Surinam	217	88	.....	88	.....	5	59	32·95	

In every case, it will be seen from the above figures, the Agencies embarked women in excess of the prescribed proportion of not less than 40 women to every 100 men; the Demerara Agency having again succeeded in embarking the largest number in excess of the minimum limit.

4. Abstract of shipment to the colonies during the year 1886 :—

Colonies to which vessels were bound.	Number of vessels. Sailing.	Number of vessels. Steam.	Number of vessels. Total.	Number of emigrants carried. Total.	Number of emigrants carried. Average for each vessel.	Remarks.
Demerara	5	.....	5	2,857	571⅖	The average number of emigrants carried in each vessel for the year 1885 was 570·6.
Trinidad	4	.....	4	2,201	550¼	
Fiji	2	.....	2	1,012	506	
Surinam	1	.....	1	353	353	
Total ...	12	.....	12	6,423	535¼	

5. *Emigrant vessels despatched.*

Serial number.	Name of vessel.	Colonies to which bound.	Name of Commander.	Name of Surgeon.	Date of departure.	Date of arrival at colony.	Number of days' duration of voyage.	Number embarked. Souls.	Number embarked. Statute adults.	Deaths in each vessel. Number.	Deaths in each vessel. Percentage.
1	Ship "Boyne" ..	Fiji ...	G. H. Rock ...	J. M. Laing ...	14th February 1886	20th April 1886	72	549	500	17	3·11
2	" "The Bruce"	Do. ...	W. J. Hopps ...	J. Hazard ...	14th March "	21st May "	69	463	429½	6	1·29
3	" "Avoca" ...	Demerara ...	N. G. Hatch ...	J. Welsh ...	7th July "	5th October "	92	652	604	8	1·22
4	" "Brenda" ...	Trinidad ...	J. Nickells ...	G. Stewart ...	17th " "	21st " "	97	534	499½	6	1·12
5	" "Foyle" ...	Demerara ...	J. T. Cutting ...	E. A. Hardwick ...	29th " "	4th November "	99	585	542½	12	2·05
6	" "Sheila" ..	Trinidad ...	John Pearce ..	H. Cecil ...	25th August "	25th " "	93	541	496½	9	1·84
7	" "The Bruce"	Demerara ...	W. J. Hopps ...	C. H. Gibson ...	26th " "	9th December "	106	518	484	4	0·77
8	" "Jura" ..	Trinidad ...	R. Russell ...	J. Parkins ...	5th October "	21st " "	78	542	514	3	0·55
9	" "Main" ..	Demerara .	E. Hunt ...	R. Foncioca' ...	19th " "	18th January 1887	91	572	544½	2	0·34
10	" "John Davie"	Surinam ..	H. Crocker ...	R. St. Romaine ...	2nd November "	18th " "	77	353	329	2	0·56
11	" "Allanshaw"	Demerara .	J. Shears ...	F. C. Shaw ...	26th " "	13th February "	80	530	493½	5	0·96
12	" "Bann" ...	Trinidad ...	J. T. Cutting ...	W. K. Miley ...	11th December "	24th " "	76	584	544½	3	0·51

Excepting the papers of the ship *John Davie* that have not yet come to hand, the documents in connection with the voyages of all the vessels above named were duly received by this office, and reports on the results have been submitted for the information of Government. Mr. Van Cutsem, the Emigration Agent for Surinam, has kindly furnished the particulars entered in the above statement relating to the passage of the *John Davie*, which appears to have been successful. The death-rate on the voyage, of the aggregate number of emigrants embarked for the several colonies during the year 1886, is 2·21 per cent., and cannot be regarded as excessive, when it is considered that measles occurred on five of the ships, that cerebro-spinal fever, causing six deaths, occurred on three of them, and that the highest death-rate attained—that of the *Boyne*—was due chiefly to the mortality amongst infants and young children, some of whom were delicate, though considered by the Medical Inspector, at

the time of embarkation, to be quite fit to undertake the voyage with their parents. Two cases of cholera were reported by the surgeon of the ship *Allanshaw* to have occurred on board that vessel upwards of 10 days after leaving Calcutta; but both recovered, and the disease did not spread.

SECTION IV.—DISEMBARKATION.

Colonies.	Number of ships.	Number of steamers.	Total.	Number of souls embarked at colony.	Number of deaths on the voyage.	Average percentage of mortality on the voyage.	Savings. Aggregate.	Savings. Average amount on the number embarked.	Remarks.
							Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Demerara	3	.....	3	1,895	17	0 89	2,90,200 0 0	154 9 8	
Trinidad	1	.. .	1	620	36	5·80	1,35,608 12 5	220 13 9	
Mauritius	3	1	4	1,196	10	0 83	31,334 0 0	26 3 2	
St. Vincent...	1	.....	1	327	1	0·30	11,685 2 8	36 5 9	
Nevis				61	.....	..	5,758 2 0	97 9 6	
Natal	1	.....	1	217	4	1·84	22,241 0 0	102 15 5	
Fiji	1	1	2	13	.....	..	1,749 9 4	134 9 4	
Surinam	1	.....	1	628	5	0·79	86,967 4 9	139 9 6	
Guadeloupe	.....	1	1	438*	39	8·90	17,112 11 10	39 7 7	* Including two emigrants landed at Pondicherry.
Reunion	1		1	47	.	....	1,281 2 6	27 4 1	
Martinique...	1	.....	1	45	... ..	.....	1,851 8 10	40 11 2	
Cayenne	.....	1	1	134	.....	.....	19,727 2 1	147 3 5	
Total ...	13	4	17	5,621	112	1·99	6,25,466 8 5	111 4 4	

As a special report on the return emigrants brought by each of the vessels above named was submitted on each occasion for the information of Government, it seems necessary here to remark merely on the general results attained. From the particulars furnished in the above statement, it appears that 17 vessels—four of which were steamers—landed in India during the year under review 5,509 return emigrants from British and Foreign colonies. The largest number returned from Demerara, Mauritius, Surinam and Trinidad, and the highest average amounts of savings were brought by those who returned from Trinidad, Demerara, Cayenne and Surinam. Looking to the fact that return emigrants always include amongst them a varying number of chronic invalids and aged persons, the death-rate, nearly two per cent., of the total number despatched for Calcutta from the colonies was not high; and it would have been still lower, but for the unfortunate voyages of the two ships on which the largest mortality occurred, namely, the *Jorawar* that had, in consequence of an accident near the Cape of Good Hope, to transfer her coolies to the steamer *Mount Tabor*, and the *Mairi Bhan*, that made a most tedious and trying passage.

2. *Brief particulars relating to each vessel that brought the return emigrants are furnished in the subjoined statements.*

Serial number.	Names of vessels.	Colonies from which emigrants returned.	Name of Surgeon.	Date of departure from colonies.	Date of arrival at Calcutta.	Length of voyage.	Number of souls embarked at colony.	Mortality during the voyage.	Percentage of mortality.	Remarks.
						Days.				
1	S. "Moy"	Demerara .	H. Pontland ...	14th Aug. 1885 ...	9th Jan. 1886 ...	149	601	9	1·49	
2	S. "The Bruce" ...	St. Vincent	John Perkins ...	1st " " ...	10th " " ...	163	327	1	0·30	
		Nevis ...	Ditto ...	1st " " ...	10th " " ...	...	61	...	...	
3	S. "Boyne"	Demerara ...	F. C. Shaw ...	12th Sept. " ...	14th " " ...	125	593	7	1·18	S. *Boyne* lost off Orissa. Emigrants arrived per S.S. *Curlew*.
4	S.S. "Rossetta" ...	Fiji ...	Ditto ...	7th Nov. " ...	20th " " ...	75	5	...	...	All arrived per P. and O. steamers, *viâ* Melbourne. One woman arrived in March.
5	S.S. "Adria" ...	Mauritius ...	Em. Portal ...	9th Jan. 1886 ...	29th " " ...	21	277	1	0·36	
6	S. "Villede Nazaire"	Cayenne ...	(Particulars not furnished to this office.)		15th Feb. " ...	...	134	...	...	Emigrants transhipped at Pondicherry: arrived per S.S. *Sindia*.
7	S. "Bernica"	Réunion ...			6th March " ...	...	23	...	...	Arrived per S.S. *Maldah*.
8	S. "Castleton" ...	Mauritius ...	F. L. Keisler ...	16th Jan. 1886 ...	17th " " ...	61	266	...	..	
9	S. "Mairi Bhan" ...	Trinidad ...	B. Clerkson ...	1st Oct. 1885 ...	14th April " ...	165	620	36	5·80	
10	S. "John Davie" ...	Mauritius ...	B. D. Aesharmoy	11th March 1886 ...	29th " " ...	50	294	5	1·71	
11	S. "Umvoti"	Natal ...	G. Paterson ...	20th April " ...	5th June " ...	47	217	4	1·84	
12	S. "Boyne"	Fiji ...	J. Kelly ..	2nd May " ...	29th " " ...	50	8	...	...	
13	Not furnished	Réunion ...	(Particulars not furnished to this office.)		30th July " ...	...	24	...	...	Transhipped at Pondicherry: arrived per S.S. *Tibre*.
14	S.S. "Mount Tabor"	Guadeloupe	Leonie Daliot ...	5th April 1886 ...	13th Sept. " ...	162	438	39	8·90	The emigrants per *Mount Tabor* had been taken over near the Cape of Good Hope from the ship *Jorawar* disabled.
15	S. "John Davie" ...	Mauritius ..	F. L. Keisler ..	27th Aug. " ...	23rd " " ...	28	362	4	1·10	
16	S. "Hereford" ...	Martinique	(Particulars not furnished to this office.)		24th " " ...	...	45	...	...	Emigrants transhipped at Pondicherry: arrived per S.S. *Tibre*.
17	S. "British Peer" ...	Surinam ...	R. P. Newbegging	14th Aug. 1886 ...	11th Dec. " ...	120	628	5	0·79	
18	S. "Erne"	Demerara ...	W. H. J. King ...	20th " " ...	18th " " ...	116	701	1	0·14	

SECTION V.—DISPOSAL OF DECEASED EMIGRANTS' ESTATES.

Statement of deceased emigrants' estates dealt with during the year 1886.

Colonies.	Vacant estates.						Estates administered to—				Estates undisposed of—			
	Remaining under enquiry in 1885.		Received for disposal in 1886.		Total.		Amount paid.		Amount in course of payment.		No traceable heir.		Under enquiry.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount in credit.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Mauritius ...	136	8,068 2 11	3	7,441 12 0	139	15,509 14 11	...	.....	57	11,234 6 6	77	2,694 15 11	5	1,580 8 6
Natal ...	1	240 5 7	12	240 12 2	13	490 1 9	7	411 6 9	...	.....	5	78 6 0	1	0 5 0
St. Vincent ...	1	2 3 3	...	.....	1	2 3 3	...	.....	...	.....	1	2 3 3	...	.....
Jamaica ...	1	250 14 6	7	3,781 7 2	8	4,032 5 8	2	297 3 8	2	3,510 14 6	4	224 3 6	...	.....
Demerara ...	2	128 4 0	*29	3,473 6 10	†31	3,601 10 10	10	1,002 15 4	‡6	865 *9 0	§10	560 14 2	‖5	1,172 4 4
Surinam ...	...	.....	4	2,051 4 10	4	2,051 4 10	2	1,058 7 2	1	392 13 9	1	Not known	...	.....
Fiji ...	...	.....	2	0 1 0	2	0 1 0	1	0 1 0	...	.....	1	A piece of land.	...	.....
Trinidad ...	...	.....	20	11,360 10 5	20	11,360 10 5	13	8,909 12 3	2	1,385 15 2	4	1,064 15 0	1	Not known.
St. Lucia ...	...	.....	4	129 8 8	4	129 8 8	2	117 4 1	1	12 2 7	1	0 2 0	...	.....
Guadeloupe ...	...	.....	12	865 3 5	12	865 3 5	..	649 8 5	...	.....	4	38 0 0	2	177 11 0
Cayenne ...	...	.....	1	780 3 9	1	780 3 9	...	780 3 9	...	.....	..	.....	...	.....
Total ...	141	8,698 14 3	94	30,124 6 3	235	38,823 4 6	44	13,826 14 4	69	17,401 13 6	108	4,663 11 10	14	2,930 12 10

* Seven cases. Amount not known.
† Ditto. Ditto.
‡ Three cases. Ditto.
§ Three cases. Amount not known.
‖ One case. Ditto.

From the particulars furnished in the above statement, it may be seen that, including 141 estates that were under enquiry at the close of the previous year, 235 vacant estates, valued altogether at Rs. 38,823-4-6, came under administration during the year under review; that in the case of 113 of them heirs were traced, to whom Rs. 13,826-14-4 were paid, and Rs. 17,401-13-6 were in course of payment; that in the case of 108 estates, amounting in value to Rs. 4,663-11-10, no heirs could be traced; and that in the case of the remaining 14 estates, representing Rs. 2,930-12-10, enquiries for heirs were still being conducted when the year closed.

The general remarks offered under this head in last year's annual report regarding the unavoidable difficulties that beset the tracing of heirs, render it unnecessary to dwell on them here; but as evidenced by the results attained, it may be observed that persevering efforts, fully supported by the obliging co-operation of the district officers, were steadily maintained throughout the year, in endeavouring to trace surviving relatives entitled to benefit by these estates.

SECTION VI.—DEPARTMENTAL.

The Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

Dr. C. H. Joubert continued to act as Medical Inspector of Emigrants till the 26th of June 1886, when Dr. McConnell received charge from him and held the appointment, for the rest of the year.

The Personal Assistant.

2. My acknowledgments are due to Mr. E. R. Forbes, the Personal Assistant, for able help throughout the year in conducting generally the in-door duties of the office, and dealing specially with deceased emigrants' vacant estates, to which, as hitherto, he devoted careful and persevering attention.

The office and its correspondence.

3. The nominal roll of the office establishment continued unchanged; and the head clerk and assistants discharged their duties satisfactorily. The correspondence in connection with colonial emigration was:—

Of letters, &c., received	5,487
" " issued	3,912
Total	9,399

SECTION VII.—APPENDIX.

The following returns are annexed as an appendix to this report.

I.—Statement of the number of registered intending emigrants arranged according to their native districts.

II.—Statement of the number and description of emigrants despatched to Demerara, Trinidad, Fiji, and Surinam.

III.—Statement of the number of emigrants despatched to and returned from colonies east of the Cape of Good Hope.

IV.—Statement of the number of emigrants despatched to and returned from colonies west of the Cape of Good Hope.

I.—Statement showing emigrants registered for the Colonies in the districts of Bengal, North-West, and other

Districts of Registration.	Total number registered in each district.	Percentage of residents of district of registration to total number registered in the districts.	Districts of Bengal and Behar.																								
			Backergunge.	Balasore.	Banhoora.	Beerbhoom.	Bhagulpore.	Burdwan.	Cuttack.	Chittagong.	Chumparun.	Dinagepore.	Durbhunga.	Furreedpore.	Gya.	Howrah.	Hazaribagh.	Hooghly.	Jessore.	Lohardugga.	Maldah.	Manbhoom.	Midnapore.	Mymensingh.	Monghyr.	Moorshedabad.	Mozufferpore.	Nuddea.
Bengal.																												
Burdwan	88	.....	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	3	...	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	4	...
Bhagulpore	55	55·72	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Durbhunga	207	35·74	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	74	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	...
Gya	72	44·44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hazaribagh	57	38·59	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	22	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...
Monghyr	29	31·48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...
Patna	990	34·84	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	10	...	140	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	46	...
Sarun	89	71·91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Shahabad	1,038	65·60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Sonthal Pergunnahs	18	44·44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	1,388	0·79	2	6	21	8	14	13	7	1	3	6	8	3	128	2	44	19	4	10	1	4	26	2	54	11	40	9
North-Western Provinces.																												
Allahabad	725	32·83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Agra	215	20·67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Azamgarh	68	72·05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Benares	931	21·58	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...
Basti	168	94·64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Barrielly	5	20·00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cawnpore	302	9·60	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Etawah	11	18·18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Futehpore	18	55·55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ghazipore	299	46·82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gorruckpore	158	39·24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jaunpore	93	41·93	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jalaoun	4	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mainpuri	8	50·00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meerut	43	16·27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mirzapore	24	33·33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muttra	114	11·40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Shajehanpore	8	37·50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oudh.																												
Fyzabad	538	20·81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gonda	105	64·76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lucknow	318	15·09	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sitapore	12	8·33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sultanpore	9	22·22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unao	15	13·33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	3,302	.....	2	6	23	8	50	16	7	1	12	6	108	3	332	2	74	12	6	12	1	7	26	2	103	11	178	10

Districts of Registration.	Districts of Residence— North-Western Provinces—*concluded*.														Oudh.													Native				
	Jhansi.	Kumsoun.	Mainpuri.	Meerut.	Mirzapore.	Moradabad.	Muttra.	Mozufferpore.	Shaharanpore.	Shajehanpore.	Pilibhit.	Srinagore.	Almora.	Total.	Bahraich.	Barabanki.	Fyzabad.	Gonda.	Hardui.	Kheri.	Lucknow.	Pertabgarh.	Rai Bareli.	Sitapur.	Sultanpore.	Unao.	Total.	Boloramporc.	Ajmere.	Bikaneer.	Bhurtpore.	Dholpur.
Bengal.																																
Burdwan	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	1	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Durbhunga	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
Hazaribagh	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126	...	1	4	3	...	...	2	5	...	...	2	...	17	...	...	...	2	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	301	...	...	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	15	...	...	...	...	...
Sonthal Pergunnahs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	...	1	8	1	22	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	459	1	5	35	11	1	...	15	11	1	...	28	3	111	...	...	...	...	...
North-Western Provinces.																																
Allahabad	1	...	4	4	29	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	399	...	3	10	4	2	...	5	164	50	1	41	1	281	...	...	1	...	1
Agra	4	...	16	6	...	...	16	1	2	...	...	...	...	188	...	2	1	4	2	...	4	1	4	...	...	2	20	...	1	...	18	14
Azamgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Benares	1	...	...	32	60	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	735	6	2	52	8	2	1	8	19	8	1	25	2	131	...	...	...	3	...
Basti	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	163	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Barrielly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cawnpore	1	...	4	2	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	114	6	14	7	14	11	...	14	8	40	5	24	25	177	3	...	...	...	...
Etawah	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Futehpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Ghazipore	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	273	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Gorruckpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124	...	...	9	9	...	...	4	1	...	...	2	2	27	...	...	...	...	...
Jaunpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	65	...	...	11	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	13	...	27	...	...	...	...	...
Jalaoun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...
Mainpuri	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Meerut	...	...	...	7	...	4	...	4	2	...	...	2	1	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
Mirzapore	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Muttra	2	...	7	2	...	6	13	...	4	1	1	...	...	73	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	9	1
Shajehanpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oudh.																																
Fyzabad	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	213	2	21	112	109	1	...	4	3	4	4	53	3	318	...	...	...	...	...
Gonda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	14	68	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	104	...	...	...	...	...
Lucknow	...	...	3	...	2	3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	47	23	45	17	17	5	2	48	2	38	37	22	3	270	...	...	...	...	...
Sitapore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	1	...	1	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...
Sultanpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	9	...	...	...	...	...
Unao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	5	1	2	15	...	...	...	...	...
Total	9	3	49	55	151	14	35	6	8	31	4	2	1	3,502	57	97	289	252	26	11	125	231	164	55	222	50	1,579	3	1	4	33	16

Provinces during the year 1886, *classified according to native districts or districts of residence.*

RESIDENCE.

														North-Western Provinces.																			
Patna.	Pubna.	Purneah.	Rajshahye.	Rungpore.	Sarun.	Shahabad.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	24-Pergunnahs.	Assam.	Khoolna.	Bogra.	Calcutta.	Total.	Agra.	Aligarh.	Allahabad.	Azamgarh.	Balia.	Banda.	Barrielly.	Basti.	Benares.	Bijnour.	Budaun.	Bulundshahr.	Cawnpore.	Etah.	Etawah.	Furruckabad.	Futehpore.	Ghazipore.	Gorruckpore.	Jalaoun.	Jounpore.
6	...	7	...	...	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	...	2
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II.—Annual return of emigrants despatched to Demerara, Trinidad, Fiji and Surinam during the year 1886.

No. 1.—As to age and sex.

	Demerara.				Trinidad.				Fiji.				Surinam.				Total.		Grand Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	
Under 2 years	42	53	95	41·13 women to every 100 men.	22	35	57	40·25 women to every 100 men.	25	24	49	40·39 women to every 100 men.	7	11	18	46·55 women to every 100 men.	96	123	219
From 2 to 10 years	166	112	278		134	118	252		39	28	67		16	14	30		355	272	627
,, 10 ,, 20 ,, ...	575	185	760		353	139	492		153	40	193		74	16	90		1,155	380	1,535
,, 20 ,, 30 ,, ...	1,021	457	1,478		876	348	1,224		448	192	640		125	62	187		2,470	1,059	3,529
,, 30 ,, 40 ,, ...	152	77	229		115	51	166		37	26	63		16	7	23		320	161	481
,, 40 ,, 50 ,, ...	11	5	16		3	5	8		...	...	...		2	3	5		16	13	29
Above 50 years	1	...	1		2	...	2		...	...	...		...	...	..		3	...	3
Total ...	1,968	889	2,857		1,505	696	2,201		702	310	1,012		240	113	353		4,415	2,008	6,423

No. 2.—As to places whence emigrants came to Calcutta for embarkation.

	Demerara.			Trinidad.			Fiji.			Surinam.			Total.		Grand Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	
Orissa	8	3	11	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	10	3	13
Western Bengal	53	48	101	21	17	38	3	1	4	.....	.....	.....	77	66	143
Central Bengal	23	16	39	12	3	15	3	1	4	1	.....	1	39	20	59
Eastern Bengal	7	2	9	4	.....	4	.....	.....	... ..	2	.....	2	13	2	15
Behar	619	327	946	467	256	723	177	114	291	34	18	52	1,297	715	2,012
North-Western Provinces ...	849	367	1,216	611	279	890	249	125	374	110	63	173	1,819	834	2,653
Oudh	352	101	453	322	107	429	209	56	265	83	28	111	971	287	1,258
Central India	3	5	8	1	8	9	5	1	6	.....	1	1	9	15	24
Punjab	17	7	24	17	3	20	5	.....	5	1	2	3	40	12	52
Native States, Nepaul, &c. ...	25	7	32	26	15	41	42	11	53	2	3	5	95	36	131
Mixed, Bombay and Madras ...	12	6	18	23	8	31	8	1	9	2	3	5	45	18	63
Total ...	1,968	889	2,857	1,505	696	2,201	702	310	1,012	240	113	353	4,415	2,008	6,423

No. 3.—As to caste and religion.

Brahmins, high caste	329	125	454	270	108	378	160	76	236	40	22	62	799	331	1,130
Agriculturists	374	115	489	283	106	389	165	51	216	59	22	81	881	294	1,175
Artisans	462	213	675	204	103	307	107	47	154	44	17	61	907	380	1,287
Low castes	560	275	835	424	239	663	166	72	238	66	31	97	1,216	617	1,833
Mussulmans	242	161	403	233	140	373	103	63	166	31	21	52	609	385	994
Christians	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	1	2	.....	...	.....	3	1	4
Total ...	1,968	889	2,857	1,505	696	2,201	702	310	1,012	240	113	353	4,415	2,00	6,423

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	Males.	Females.	Total.
1. Hindus	3,503	1,622	5,425
2. Mussulmans	609	385	994
3. Christians	3	1	4
Total ...	4,415	2,008	6,423

III.—Table exhibiting the number and description of East Indian emigrants who left Calcutta for Natal, Fiji, and Mauritius during the year 1886, *and the number returned therefrom during the same period.*

Names of Colonies.	Embarked.								Returned							
			Children.		Infants.						Children.		Infants.			
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.
Fiji	638	258	39	28	2	24	1,012	929½	6	6	1	...	...	...	13	12½
Natal	...	...	...	...	...	...	... ..	.....	93	45	32	33	5	5	213	170½
Mauritius	...	...	...	...	...	...	....		687	277	103	10.	6	6	1,186	1,07[illegible]
Total ...	638	258	39	28	25	24	1,012	929½	786	328	136	140	11	11	1,412	1,2[illegible]6

IV.—Table exhibiting the number and description of East Indian emigrants who left Calcutta for the West Indies during the year 1886, *and the number returned therefrom during the same period.*

Names of Colonies.	Embarked.								Returned.							
	Men.	Women.	Children.		Infants.		Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Infants.		Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.
			Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.					Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.		
Demerara	1,760	724	166	112	42	53	2,857	2,670½	1,030	479	156	157	27	29	1,878	1,665½
Trinidad	1,349	543	124	118	22	35	2,201	2,046½	306	132	79	47	13	7	584	501
St. Vincent	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	152	73	34	36	14	18	326	259
Nevis	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	25	12	7	11	1	5	61	46
Surinam	217	88	16	14	7	11	353	329	329	134	71	60	13	16	623	528½
Guadeloupe	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	202	100	45	38	7	5	397	343½
Cayenne	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	69	38	11	12	2	2	134	118½
Martinique	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	30	6	3	3	2	1	45	39
Réunion	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	42	5	...	...	...	...	47	47
Total ...	3,326	1,355	316	244	71	99	5,411	5,046	2,185	978	406	364	79	83	4,095	3,548

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The Report by the Protector of Emigrants on emigration to British and Foreign Colonies for the year 1886.

THE year 1886 is marked in the history of Emigration from India to the Colonies by the coming into force of Act XXI of 1883 which repealed the Indian Emigration Act of 1871. The introduction of the Act of 1883 was postponed until rules had been framed for its administration. Draft rules under the Act were published in January 1885, and were considered at a Conference held in August of the same year, in which the Agents for Colonies receiving Indian emigrants took part. The alterations approved at the Conference were for the most part adopted by Government, and the Act and Rules framed under it came into force simultaneously from 1st April 1886. The changes made by the new law are chiefly matters of detail with regard to the registration of emigrants, appointment of registering officers, execution of contracts, the accommodation to be required on emigrant vessels, and the fees to be levied on emigration. The Protector reports that the new provisions of the law have generally worked smoothly, with the exception of the provisions contained in section 35 of the Act, and section IV of Chapter II of the Rules which require that emigrants' agreements shall be executed in triplicate. The Lieutenant-Governor has recently called on Commissioners of Divisions to report on the working of the present system of registration and execution of contracts, and he reserves for the present remarks on this subject.

Among the administrative measures of the year may be mentioned—

(*a*).—The notification of the Government of India, of April 1886, fixing Rs. 2-8 as the fee leviable under sections 38 and 73 of the Act on account of each emigrant embarked.

(*b*).—The orders of this Government, of September 1886, sanctioning, as an experimental measure, the payment of remuneration to magisterial clerks for the registration of emigrants to the Colonies at rates of one-anna for each labourer and half-an-anna for each dependent, when the numbers exceed 50 in a month, and within a limit of Rs. 15.

Colonies from which requisitions were received for labourers.

2. Emigration to the Colonies during 1886 was on a somewhat larger scale than in the preceding year, but the number of emigrants did not nearly come up to that of 1884-85, before the decline of the sugar industry, when ten Colonies had agencies working in Calcutta. Only four Colonies indented last season for labourers, viz., British Colonies—Demerara, Trinidad, Fiji, and the Dutch Colony of Surinam. On the whole, requisitions were received for 7,010 labourers against 6,430 in 1885-86 and 18,639 in 1884-85. Of the total number for whom requisitions were received in the year under review, Demerara indented for 3,710, or a little more than half, Trinidad indented for 2,050, Fiji 930, and Surinam 320. The increased demand for Indian labour in Fiji, noticed in last year's Resolution, has not been fully maintained.

From the recent official reports received from the Colonies which import Indian labour, it does not appear that there is likelihood of an early return to the large requisitions for labour which were received some years ago. In Jamaica, Government—directed immigration has been suspended. The Protector

of Immigrants in Natal reported in March last that there was no immediate prospect of improvement in the sugar industry. In the last report received from St. Lucia, the Protector of Immigrants writes:—"The prospect of sugar is so bad that it cannot be known how soon one or more of the central factories may be forced to abandon operations. In such an event, if Demerara or Trinidad do not relieve us of the coolies thrown out of work, the one course for the Colony will be to send them back to India without the loss of a day." The same report states that the Indian immigrants in St. Lucia have suffered considerably from sickness caused by employment in malarious lands and from want of work. The authorities of this Colony refused to sanction the departure of labourers no longer under indenture to Panama, where high wages, which have attracted large numbers of immigrant labourers from Jamaica, are paid on the Panama Canal Works. This refusal was prompted by considerations of the interests of the immigrants for whom the Colony is bound to provide work for five years after the term of their first indenture.

Recruiters' licenses.

3. The Colonial Agencies employed 466 recruiters during the year. Dr. Grant reports that applications have been more freely made for recruiting licenses since Act XXI of 1883 came into force, no fee being now leviable. It is noticed with satisfaction that the licenses of only four recruiters were cancelled for misconduct. The 466 recruiters collected 8,302 persons, an average of 18 persons to each recruiter.

Recruitment.

4. The total number of persons registered during the year as intending to emigrate to the Colonies was 8,302. In the classification of these according to the provinces where they were registered, the North-Western Provinces with Oudh come first with 4,271 registrations, while Bengal and Behar had 4,031. The largest numbers of emigrants were registered in the 24-Pergunnahs (1,388), Shahabad (1,038), Patna (990), Benares (931), Allahabad (725), and Faizabad (538). Classified according to districts of birth or residence, the largest numbers of emigrants came from Shahabad (1,060), Ghazipore (504), Patna (478), Basti (463), Azamgarh (435), Gya (332), and Allahabad (328). With regard to these figures, Dr. Grant remarks:—

"If the two emigration seasons of 1884 and 1885 be excluded, it may be said that for years past natives of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh have responded in the largest numbers to the labour requisition of the Colonies, for excepting the natives of Behar, those of the Lower Provinces generally, unless pressed by privation, have always proved, more or less, reluctant to emigrate to the Colonies, notwithstanding the favourable terms offered by the recruiters. It may be noticed, accordingly, that Colonial emigrantion from the districts of the Lower Provinces, which rose into prominence during the scarcity that prevailed in them in 1884 and 1885, subsided during the comparative abundance that followed in 1886, when Colonial recruiters had therefore to revert for the majority of their recruits to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. But in so doing they obviated the competition, however slight, that may have arisen between themselves and licensed recruiters for the tea districts. * * * * In 1886, as in 1885, the Colonial recruiters in Bengal and Behar were most active during the months—June to October—when licensed inland recruiters—sardars were least so; and the work of the one set was drawing to a close, when that of the other was extending."

Depôts.

* Includes one birth *en route*.

5. Out of 8,302 persons registered, 8,124* were admitted into the Calcutta depôts. Of the casualties accounting for this decrease, 96 were desertions *en route*, 34 were detained in the mofussil depôts, and 49 were rejected by the agencies as unfit; these figures compare favourably with the casualties of the preceding year. Including persons remaining at the end of the preceding year, 8,171 persons were accommodated in the depôts during the year, 22 of whom died, 187 deserted, and 911 were rejected or discharged by the recruiting agencies for one cause or another; these figures also compare favourably with those of the preceding year. The year was healthy in the depôts, and the general average mortality was much below that of former years. Cholera, which was prevalent during the year in Calcutta and the Suburbs, caused only one of the 22 deaths in the depôts. The Medical Inspector writes:—

"It is remarkable that not a single case of cerebro-spinal fever occurred in any of the depôts; the contrast in this respect with the preceding year being noteworthy, although it is difficult to suppose that the general hygienic condition of the depôts was very different from that which obtained in 1885. There is no doubt that the etiology of this disease has not yet been determined."

The average period for which emigrants are detained in the depôts is not given, but from the statement on page 12 of the report, it appears that only 113 persons were detained for a period exceeding three months; an outbreak of measles in the Surinam depôt was the chief cause of delay in embarkation. The general sanitary arrangements in all the depôts are reported by the Medical Inspector to be excellent.

Outward voyages.

6. Of the 6,423 persons who actually embarked for the Colonies during the year, 3,964 were men, 1,613 women (or 40·6 women for every 100 men) and 846 children. Calculating the percentage of females on the whole number embarked, including children, the proportion was 45·4 females for every 100 males. Nine hundred and fifty-nine persons of both sexes and all ages, or 14·93 per cent of the whole number, were "return emigrants," the majority having come back from Demerara, St. Vincent and Trinidad. The emigrants were carried to the Colonies in sailing vessels (no steamers were employed on this service in 1886), and the voyages varied in length from 69 days—the fastest voyage to Fiji, to 106 days—the slowest voyage to Demerara. The aggregate mortality* on the voyages was 77, giving the not excessive percentage of 1·19 on the whole number embarked. On six of the 12 ships the death-rate was below 1 per cent., and only on two ships did the percentage of deaths exceed two. Cerebro-spinal fever caused six deaths, and measles caused much of the mortality amongst infants and young children.

* Not 2·21 as stated on page 13 of Dr. Grant's Report

Return emigrants.

Five thousand six hundred and twenty-one emigrants re-embarked from the Colonies for India during the year, bringing with them savings amounting to six and a quarter lakhs of rupees, an average of Rs 111-4-4 per head. As in former years, those returning from Trinidad and Demerara brought back most money, and those returning from Mauritius had saved least. The death-rate on the return voyages was below 2 per cent. on all the voyages, except those of the *Mount Tabor* and *Mairi Bhan*. The emigrants who returned in the *Mount Tabor* had embarked from Guadaloupe in the *Jorawar*, which was dismasted by a violent gale whilst rounding the Cape of Good Hope, and at Port Elizabeth they were transferred to the *Mount Tabor*. The excessive mortality of 9 per cent. on this voyage appears to have been due to the severity of the passage, which lasted five-and-a-half months, and to the feeble health of some of the passengers. The voyage of the *Mairi Bhan* from Trinidad, which lasted six-and-a-half months, was also a trying voyage on account of the insubordination of the crew and the defective state of the water condenser; the mortality of this ship was 5·8 per cent., chiefly among invalids.

The work of the Protector in the tracing of heirs to vacant estates of emigrants who had died in the Colonies or on the return voyage continued to increase, 235 vacant estates, valued at Rs. 38,823, having come under his administration during the year.

The Lieutenant-Governor's acknowledgments are due to Dr. Grant for his efficient discharge of his duties.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

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